

Deliman's reality TV doesn't save his smokes

90TH PRECINCT Williamsburg-Bushwick

From the comfort of his home, the owner of Moe's Deli saw a thief break into his Grand Street store early on Dec. 9, but by the time he got downstairs, the perp was gone.

The deli owner has his security camera rigged so that he can watch it from his upstairs apartment in the building near Graham Avenue. At around 1:30 a.m., he saw a thief break through the window of the store and take a safe with \$3,000 plus \$200 worth of Newport.

Straphangered

A pair of perps snatched a man's phone while he was waiting for the bus on the corner of Lorimer Street and Boerum Street on Dec. 10. The victim was at the bus

stop at 7:30 a.m. when two thugs started walking his way. "Give me your cellphone or we'll jump you," one thug commanded, prompting the man to hand over his BlackBerry Pearl.

The terrible two some fled down Lorimer Street.

Keyed out

A thief cleaned out a S. Fifth Street apartment while the owner was eating out on Dec. 12.

The victim was shopping and dining from 3 until 8:15 p.m., during which time his neighbors heard a crashing sound coming from his apartment. When the resident returned, he discovered that someone had taken three computers and an expensive television from the apartment, which is at Keap Street.

The victim told police that his roommate had lost his keys

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in the building a week earlier.

88TH PRECINCT Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

Mobile felon

Cops caught a 17-year-old thief after a cellphone-stealing spree on Dec. 8.

The first theft occurred as a woman was walking home at 10:42 a.m. near the corner of Clinton and Lafayette avenues when the perp grabbed her and violently threw her up against a wall. After taking her BlackBerry, he fled. Minutes later, the feisty

thief found another victim on St. James Place near Gates Avenue. She told police that she was having a phone conversation when the incontinent teen grabbed her mobile, pulling out some of her hair in the struggle.

Cops nabbed him the same day.

Retail rampage

Shoppers beware! Atlantic Avenue clothing emporiums are rife with crime this holiday season. One thief even struck twice in the Marshall's in the Atlantic Center Mall on Dec. 9. That thief's first victim

was a high schooler who told cops that the sneak brushed by her diaper bag at 2 p.m. and took her wallet. She lost only loose change, she said.

But minutes later, the thief snatched an older woman's bag from her cart. She later found the bag hanging from a fence, but \$200 had been removed, along with all of her credit cards.

One day earlier, a thief tried to rip off Old Navy of pounds of stuff, including \$1,388 worth of tops — though it turned out it was an inside job.

Heart crime

A thief got himself arrested for a Dec. 8 mugging, partly because he was a cad.

The victim told police that she was on Lafayette Avenue near Grand Avenue when a man who looked vaguely familiar ran up and grabbed her purse — which contained an

iPhone and \$20.

Two days later, she remembered that face — the man had recently dated her friend — and cops arrested him.

5-buck muck

A thug held up a woman at gunpoint for a paltry sum on Dec. 11.

The victim was walking home at 1:50 a.m. and was at her South Oxford Street home near Lafayette Avenue when she heard fast footsteps behind her.

She turned to find the hoodlum displaying a black gun.

"Give me your money!" he demanded.

She handed over \$5, and he kept running.

Certified stolen

A pickpocket snatched a woman's wallet on Washington Park on Dec. 11.

The victim was near

DeKalb Avenue at around midnight when a man passed her and brushed up against her. Later she realized that he'd gotten her Hermes wallet, which contained \$150, credit cards and a Spa gift certificate.

— Sabrina Jaszi

78TH PRECINCT Park Slope

Knocked down

A man was pushed to the ground and mugged for his briefcase on Sixth Street on Dec. 9.

The 40-year-old victim told cops that he was between Sixth and Seventh avenues at around 8 p.m. when he was shoved from behind, sending him smashing to the pavement.

Before he could fully react, a fast-moving, though full-figured, thug took his

briefcase and sped off in the direction of J.J. Byrne Park three blocks away.

Cops say that the thief took the cellphone and laptop computer out of the briefcase, which he then handed off to an accomplice inside the historic park on Fifth Avenue.

Police say they are looking for a 5-foot-10, 210-pound man with a Caesar-style haircut.

Burglmeister

A thief busted into a Carroll Street apartment on Dec. 10 and stole thousands in electronics and jewelry.

The tenant in the apartment, which is at Third Avenue, told police that she was not home between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., when she returned to discover that her video camera, still camera, watch and wedding ring had been taken.

IPalmed

In what has become a regular feature in the Police Blotter, yet another woman has told cops that her iPod was swiped from her hand as she was fiddling with it on Dec. 7.

The 39-year-old victim told cops that she was selecting a new song while walking on Seventh Avenue near Sterling Place at around 10:15 a.m.

Her distraction allowed a teenage thug to run up, grab the popular digital music device, and keep on running.

Cops are hunting a 5-foot-6, 140-pound 13-year-old with a long pony tail.

Inside job

A TD Bank teller was arrested on Dec. 10 and charged with helping a thief drain money out of a Carroll Street woman's account.

Cops collared Luani Taylor, 26, and charged her with grand larceny for helping to take \$2,000.

Police say that Taylor was the teller on three unauthorized withdrawals on Oct. 26 from the 48-year-old victim's account. Taylor allegedly split the transactions into smaller bundles to "avoid a supervisor change," the police report said.

It is unclear which TD Bank branch was involved.

Moving day

A thief took advantage of a distracted tenant on Dec. 7, stealing his upright bass and Mac laptop while he was moving furniture and other possessions into his new Fourth Avenue residence.

The 41-year-old musician told cops that he had taken his eyes off the large instrument and another bag at around 1 p.m. as he moved into the building, which is between Douglass and De-graw streets.

The bass is worth \$3,500, he said.

Wheely bad

At least three cars — including one belonging to the city — were reported stolen or broken into last week. Here are the details:

• A thief broke the window and stole the airbags out of a new Toyota that had been parked on Garfield Place at around 1 p.m. on Dec. 7. The owner discovered the crime two days later when he returned to the spot between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

• An official Corrections Department car was stolen from Seventh Avenue on Dec. 8, a city official told police. The Corrections Department employee told cops that he had parked the one-year-old Toyota Prius near Carroll Street at around 7 a.m., but it was gone six hours later.

• A thief broke into a Lexus that had been parked in the Pathmark lot on Second Avenue and 10th Street on Dec. 10, stealing a handbag. The owner told cops that she was shopping between 12:40 and 1 p.m. in the store. The handbag contained a wallet, cards and \$15.

— Gersh Kuntzman

94TH PRECINCT Greenpoint-Williamsburg

IPhoned

Two crooks stole an artist's iPhone after putting him in a choke hold outside his Norman Avenue studio on Dec. 8.

The 41-year-old victim told cops that he was accosted by the perps between Dobbin and Guernsey streets at about 9:30 p.m. One thug wrapped his hands around the man's neck while the other counseled, "Give me your s---!" — a reference to the cellphone in the victim's hand.

The two made off with the phone and the man was not able to identify them.

Sucker punch

A 28-year-old would-be thief punched a man who refused to hand over his iPhone on Dec. 9.

The victim told cops that he was on Fifth Street between Roebing Street and Driggs Avenue at 5:30 p.m. when he was attacked by the rogue. The victim fought

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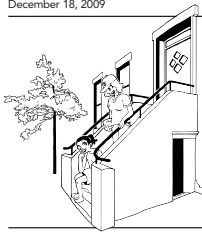
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COLUMBIA ST

Stalled project creates traffic

By Stephen Brown
The Brooklyn Paper

Columbia Street residents are sick and tired of construction delays on neighboring Van Brunt Street that are causing traffic congestion in their sleepy corner of the world.

The stretch of Van Brunt between Degraw Street and Hamilton Avenue is designed as a two-way thoroughfare for trucks into and out of Red Hook—but the stalled reconstruction of those six blocks has resulted in an ongoing nightmare of northbound trucks on narrow, two-way Columbia Street.

"This seems like a cursed project," said Craig Hammerman, the district manager of Community Board 6, citing work that began in 2005. "There doesn't seem to be any momentum towards getting it done."

However, city officials showed signs of life after The Brooklyn Paper started asking questions about a possible timeline for restarting the project. As a result, construction is tentatively scheduled to restart in mid-February after soil testing on Van Brunt Street starts around the end of December. The tests must be reconducted because previous samples from three years ago have expired like a carton of milk.

City officials attribute the delays to budget issues that kept any shovels from going in the ground—still, those issues were resolved in October.

Once the battery of tests are completed and the proper permits from environmental agencies secured, the road can be fully reconstructed with new utilities, traffic signals, sidewalks and pavement.

Though a small six-block strip may seem relatively insignificant, it actually forces the much-criticized B61 bus to contend with the trucks on Columbia Street, which was the focus of the city's initial overhaul.

For now, it appears residents have no option but to wait. Until the results of the environmental tests are completed, the construction is on hold, Hammerman said.

"Why should this corner be neglected because it's not Seventh Avenue or Flatbush Avenue?" the exasperated district manager asked. "This isn't just about an inconvenience, it's about safety. It's hard for a bus and a truck to pass each other."

Another salting

By Stephen Brown
The Brooklyn Paper

A waterfront shipping company has once again poured salt in the wound on Columbia Street.

Last Wednesday, locals near Baltic Street emerged from their apartments into a surreal winter wonderland—the result of dusting of America's favorite flavor-enhancer from American Stevedoring's port.

"It was like it had snowed," said one resident, Lauren Young. "You walk outside and you get a nasty film in your mouth. It's just gross—like someone dumped a saltshaker on you."

The 30,000-ton mound of salt was finally covered up by Saturday.

This is not the first time salt has covered the neighborhood. Earlier this year, the same thing happened, prompting criticism from neighborhood associations and local politicians.

The heaping pile of salt, which first appeared in 2005, is cause for concern among some locals, who cite studies that found that the granules could be damaging to the environment and possibly a health hazard.

"It's more a nuisance than anything else," said Young, who sent over some pictures of drooping flowers, dusted doors and soiled steps. "For a while, cocoa beans were being shipped nearby and it smelled like chocolate. That wasn't so bad—but salt!"

American Stevedoring says the incident was actually the result of an effort to better secure the tarp for the winter.

"We were performing some covering work [on the salt]," said Matt Yates, a spokesman for the company. "Unfortunately, the contractor picked a windy day to do it. No good deed goes unpunished, and the wind created a rip in the tarp."

Lauren Young snapped this picture of her tree swamped in salt.

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PARK SLOPE



Mind the 'GAP'

City may actually fix the northern part of troubled Grand Army Plaza

By Sabrina Jaszi
for The Brooklyn Paper

The city has lavished its traffic-calming gifts on the southern portion of Grand Army Plaza—but now, the Department of Transportation is poised, Santa-like, to start working on the North pole of Brooklyn's most maddened roundabout.

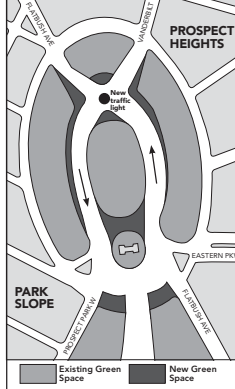
Proposals are afoot to improve traffic flow through the circle where six busy avenues converge in a Paris-like madrigal that favors automobiles over every other potential user.

"Grand Army Plaza works well for cars, but not for people moving in the space in any other way," said Robert Withers, the coordinator of the Grand Army Plaza Coalition, an umbrella group of stakeholders in Park Slope and Prospect Heights. "We'd like to improve that without limiting its function as a traffic rotary."

In the recent past, the improvements have included new crosswalks, a protected bike lane, planters and wider sidewalks for greater pedestrian safety on the southern side of the circle.

Now the city is considering eliminating the traffic circle's treacherous left turn loop.

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The Brooklyn Hospital Center: Keeping Brooklyn Healthy?



Recent scientific studies* have found that high RN caseloads put patients at greater risk for complications. The Brooklyn Hospital is unwilling to agree to a balance of RNs to patients that would promote safe patient care. Is this keeping Brooklyn healthy?

The hospital is **demanding pay cuts** from its most experienced nurses, the ones with 25 or more years of service, and who have the most on-the-job expertise and knowledge. The hospital is also refusing to bring RNs' salaries up to levels competitive with surrounding Brooklyn hospitals. **This is causing more nurses to leave the facility and makes it difficult to replace them. Is this keeping Brooklyn healthy?**

Ask the management of The Brooklyn Hospital Center to **listen to its RNs.**

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Safety on First: Crossing guard comes to Smith St.

By Gersh Kuntzman

The Brooklyn Paper

Here she is, Smith Street pedestrians — your new crossing guard.

Vocational traffic stopper Diana Williams has been reassigned to the block between First and Second places to handle an increase in pedestrian traffic since the closing of the southern exit to the F train's Carroll Street station.

OK, maybe a new crossing guard isn't a big deal to you, but it was to state Sen. Daniel Squadron (D-Brooklyn Heights), who got Williams assigned to the block.

"Our office actually re-

ceived complaints ever since the subway exit closed because there's now more children exiting on the east side of Smith Street who need to cross over — and there's no traffic light or crosswalk on the block," said Squadron. The freshman senator credited the 76th Precinct for moving quickly to fix the problem.

Last Monday, Squadron joined Williams on her first day on the job — and said she's the real deal.

"She is excited by the constant flow and how needed she is," he said. "She had crisp white gloves and used both of them."



Diana Williams is the new crossing guard on Smith Street near First Place, near both the Hannah Senesh School and PS 58.

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back, retaining his smartphone, but ended up with bruises to show for it.

Thieving decor

Someone crept through an unlocked apartment door on Engert Avenue and stole an iPhone and laptop overnight on Dec. 12.

The 20-year-old woman tenant in the unit, which is between Russell and Humboldt streets, told cops that she returned home early on Dec. 13 to find the front door and rear window wide open and the goods missing.

Her furniture had also been rearranged.

— Andy Campbell

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO Boerum Hill-Downtown Hefty tip

A couple of crooks pilfered \$4,000 in an elaborate scheme to steal from a Court Street restaurant overnight on Dec. 13.

The diner's owner told cops that during the front door of the eatery, which is between State and Schermerhorn streets, shut off a circuit breaker and disabled cameras before taking off with the cash register.

He discovered the crime the next morning.

Thief detector

A Johnson Street metal detector apparently stole a man's wallet on Dec. 12.

The victim told police that he had sent his wallet through the machine at a building between Jay and Bridge streets, but when the plastic box came back through, the wallet was gone. No suspects were named, and the metal detector was not charged in the 10 am incident.

— Andy Campbell

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge

Bay break-in

Cops are investigating if a series of similar break-ins indicates that a serial burglar is on the loose. Here's how the crimes went down:

• A thief sneaked into a 80th Street house on Dec. 7, turning the bedrooms upside down and found \$2,800 in jewelry. He also left the house, which is between Ridge Boulevard and Colonial Road, with an HD television. The resident discovered the crime upon her return at 6 pm.

• One day later—and one block over—a thief grabbed \$38,000 from a 79th Street house, also leaving behind a mess. The victim returned to the house, which is between Colonial Road and Narrows Avenue at around 11:30 am to find her patio door pried open and her bedroom in a sorry state.

• In the final break-in, a handi man barged his way into a 65th Street apartment on Dec. 10, this time only making off with a computer and an iPod. The tenant returned to the unit, which is between 13th and 14th avenues at around 7 pm to the creepy sight of an unlocked front door.

Appetite lost

A thief entered a popular Fourth Avenue restaurant overnight on Dec. 11—though he was only hungry for cash.

The robber apparently used a crowbar to pry open the back door of Fushimi res-

one worker's Green Card before fleeing.

The crime was discovered when an employee showed up for work at 11 am.

Spinners swipe

A thief snatched all four rims off of a 2010 Nissan Maxima that had been parked

on 74th Street on Dec. 5.

The owner of the auto told cops that he last saw his smooth, stylish wheel covers at around 7:30 pm on the block between 10th and 11th avenues. Early the next morning, the rims—valued at \$2,000—were gone.

— Stephen Brown

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Meat me at Red Bamboo

Fort Greene restaurant owner brings in flesh

By Stephen Brown
The Brooklyn Paper

Vegetarianism may not be dead, but it's certainly on life support.

The latest example? Red Bamboo, the beloved fake meat restaurant in Fort Greene, known for its popular "beef" kabobs and pseudo soul "chicken," is abandoning the meat-free life like a college freshman running away from his parents.

Starting next month, the restaurant will change its name to Poppa's Place and start serving—holy alfalfa sprouts—real animal flesh!

Owner Jason Wong says he won't completely ditch his non-seeking vegan customers—he'll keep the most popular soy-based dishes on the menu. But Wong needed to come clean about his own personal betrayal of what insiders call The Life.

"I eat meat," said the former vegetarian. "And I'm ready to serve meat."

He's not the only one. This year, "Brooklyn Goes Veg" week was cancelled for lack of interest altogether. Last year, during the second—



No 'dilemma': Jason Wong, owner of Red Bamboo in Fort Greene, will now cater to omnivores.

and as it turned out, last year of the fortnight of legumes and seitan, vegetarian proprietors were already saying their customer base was in steep decline.

The Brooklyn Paper's coverage said it all: "Stick a fork in it," read the 40-point headline. "Vegetarianism will on eve of boro fest."

Now, more soy chickens

have come home to roost. "When we opened in 2006, we were full, people wanted to try the food," said Wong of his Adelpi Street eatery.

"Then 2008 came. I noticed credit cards sales higher than cash. Then in 2009, I was like, whoa, where did the customers go?"

But the economy was far from the only culprit.

Organic, free-range, "humanely slaughtered" meats are now all the rage, giving carnivores a full menu of excuses.

"The concern now is more about locally grown and less of a carbon footprint. Being a carnivore doesn't mean you don't care," Wong said.

"The trend in restaurants is toward less processed food,

more naturally raised," added Wong's chef Billy Ahearn. "With all the processing that the soy product goes through, and the science that has come about it, soy seems to have gotten a bad rap lately." (Not to mention the fact that the cost of soy products has skyrocketed by 35 percent since 2006, according to Wong.)

Even Melissa Danielle, who spearheaded the ill-fated "Veg Week," has moved away from veggie advocacy in favor of organic foods.

"I am more interested in making sure that all Brooklynites have access to healthy, quality, affordable food, period," Danielle said in an e-mail.

Of course, if toxic meat appears in the headlines again, the vegetarian ranks could swell again.

"There hasn't been an animal epidemic in a while," said Wong. "Avian flu, hoof and mouth, mad cow—those helped my business so much."

Poppa's Place, formerly Red Bamboo (271 Adelpi St. at Dekalb Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 643-4806).

He's lit up over Key Food menorah

It's the most wonderful time of the year unless you're Mike Jordings, the manager of the Key Food in Windsor Terrace.

This year, Jordings tried to bring a little Hanukkah cheer to his Jewish customers, so he let local rabbis set up a menorah in front of the Prospect Avenue store.

Naturally, all hell broke loose.

Within hours of Rabbi

Moshe Hecht's big menorah lighting on the third night of Hanukkah on Sunday, Jordings started hearing complaints from his non-Jewish customers.

So he installed a Christmas tree.

Hell remained unmoored. So Jordings removed both religious icons.

"I made a mistake," I

guess," Jordings said. "I was a nice guy."

Full disclosure? I believe in God as much as I believe in fairies, unicorns, mermaids, Sasquatch and the notion that Joe Lieberman has a soul. But even an unconstructed Bible-basher like me had to feel

for Jordings.

On Tuesday, the crisis hadn't died down yet, with supporters of Hecht's Cha-

had of Windsor Terrace posting a letter from the rabbis on a Windsor Terrace blog that spoke of being "extremely disappointed" by Jordings' decision as well as

"the apparent lack of neighborly respect for our holiday celebration."

Hecht's letter urged "everyone to personally speak with the manager [and] ask him what happened to the menorah."

"Encourage [him] not to be swayed by those few elements amongst the community that are intolerant and unfriendly," Hecht continued.

Hecht's letter had the desired effect.

"I don't think I'll be supporting Key Food any longer, considering they don't support me," posted one Jewish

reader, who did not leave his name.

Of course, like the Talmud, this story has lots of interpretation.

To Hecht, the sinister hand of anti-Semitism is at work again.

"There's a context here: Just a few weeks ago, we had a sign in front of the Chabad center that was defaced with racial slurs. And now to see that the only supermarket is pressured to take down our menorah, that's really bad."

"It feels like there's some anti-Semitism here," he concluded.

Jordings wasn't sure.

"I heard complaints both ways—about the menorah and the tree," he said. "That's why I took them both down. I'm a supermarket, not a religion."

The Clash of the Seasonal Icons didn't teach Jordings a lesson that's as old as the Scriptures themselves.

"It really is true that nice guys finish last," he said.



The manager at the Key Food on Prospect Avenue in Windsor Terrace took down his menorah and Christmas tree after protests—though the interior is still festooned with holiday decorations.

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According to his retelling, a South Williamsburg Shomrim security force intervened and called police when the bikers returned to the scene of the alleged crime three days later.

An NYPD investigation revealed that at least four other Williamsburg bikers and two Hasidim were among the suspects, though it's unclear whether more arrests will be made.

Herzfeld claimed that the Shomrim overstepped its authority.

"They saw somebody that was suspicious and grabbed some people," Herzfeld alleged. "The Hasidic community watch groups, while good, have some thuggish influences."

Shomrim representatives wouldn't comment on the incident or shed light on their authority in relation to the police.

Beyond the involvement of the neighborhood patrol group, the bike lane's removal and repainting has once again revealed deep divisions within the Hasidic community of South Williamsburg.

Some Hasidic leaders claim that the Bedford Avenue bike lane hindered buses dropping off children at nearby religious schools — yet other Hasidim were apparently involved in the effort to restore the lanes.

The timing of the lane's removal was not without some irony, Herzfeld added. After all, Mayor Bloomberg went to Copenhagen to speak at the climate-change summit.

"He gave a speech about how green he is," said Herzfeld. "But it's hypocritical to remove a bike lane and then talk about what an environmentalist you are."



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South Williamsburg there are deep divisions. Some Hasidic leaders claim that Spandee-clad cyclists slow down buses dropping off children at nearby religious schools, yet other Hasidim were said to have been involved in the repainting.

Few protesters believe that the city will restore the lane, so for now, they're calling for a show of force.

"Get on your bike and ride — show the community that we do use and need all bike lanes," said event organizer Barbara Ross.

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In the wake of the death, Transportation Alternatives and Neighbors Allied for Good Growth called for safety improvements at the intersection.

"The [city] is using federal stimulus funds to reconstruct Nassau Avenue along most of its length by 2012, but safety improvements to the intersection with McGuinness Boulevard are not a significant feature of the plan," the groups said in a statement that called for widening sidewalks at corners to slow down turning vehicles, wider medians on McGuinness Boulevard to provide refuge for pedestrians, and the removal of one parking spot from all four corners to create longer sightlines.

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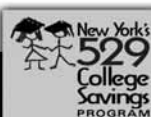
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Beast master

Jonathan Safran Foer writes a treatise against meat

By Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Paper

I ordered the chicken sandwich. Now, such a decision rarely involves self-doubt, but when dining with novelist Jonathan Safran Foer—whose new book, "Eating Animals," consists of 300 pages of hand-wringing against the consumption of meat—there's nothing simple about the words. "I'll just have the Tuscan chicken, please."

Yet Foer's reaction during a recent lunch at Sweet Melissa Patisserie near the author's Park Slope home, was anything but put-off. Despite having written one of the most eloquent, compelling, slam-dunk arguments against eating animals, Foer is no proselytizer. And his book is not a Bible, but a sober exploration of why he no longer wants to play even a small role in propelling up our nation's meat-industrial-political complex.

"I never actually [tell people to stop eating meat]," he said, despite suggesting in the book that friends should never let friends eat factory-farmed meat. "I know that I should, but my interest is in having people eat less of it. Telling people they should eat less of something is usually not a good way of having them actually decrease their consumption."

So I order the chicken, which is an odd choice given how the 32-year-old Foer—the greatest writer of his generation, thanks to the 2002 masterpiece, "Everything is Illuminated" and the 2005 near-masterpiece, "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close"—definitely used his novelist's eye to describe just how disgusting the modern factory farm is.



After slaughter, the still-warm chickens, for example, are cooled in huge tanks of refrigerated water—water that some call "fecal soup" because there's actual chicken feces in it.

Oh, it gets worse.

The food industry wants the birds cooling in water instead of air because while they're cooling, chicken carcasses absorb this "fouled, chlorinated" fecal soup. Up to 11 percent of a chicken's mass at the supermarket is this very water.

Obviously, the food industry could ensure that chickens are always cooling in pristine water, but given the demands of processing billions of chickens every year, doing so would take time and cost money. And there goes your 49-cent McChicken.

Or, as Foer puts it in the book, "S—became a problem when Americans decided we wanted to eat more meat than any other culture in history and pay historically little for it."

And yet I enjoyed my chicken sandwich, even though I know what is in it. Apparently, I'm the exception, Foer said.

"I just got an e-mail from [a powerful Hollywood writer-director] who said, 'I haven't eaten meat since I read your book. I love meat, but the fecal water killed it for me.' You see, it wasn't the environment or the suffering of the animals. It was the feces in the food he eats that got him to give up meat."

Such "re-Foer-mations" are becoming more than just stray bits of dialogue in the great modern American liberal conversation. Natalie Portman famously posted that the chapter in "Eating Animals" about manure leeching into rivers "changed me from a 20-year vegetarian to a vegan activist."

And one "prominent environmentalist" Foer said, not revealing the green goddess's name, also said the book changed her forever.

"She wrote me—this huge environmentalist!—and said that she couldn't give a s—t about animals, but now has basically stopped eating meat because of what she learned about the environment."

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Foer's favorite veggie meals in the Slope

He's a vegetarian and a Brooklynite—which means novelist Jonathan Safran Foer has pretty strong opinions about the best places to avoid eating animals.

"I'm a vegetarian, but I never eat vegetarian restaurants," he said. "Every restaurant in Park Slope has plenty of good options for non-meat-eaters. Chinese food, Indian food—these are easy places to avoid meat."

Here's Foer's five top places and dishes:

Olive Vine

54 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln



Falafel at Olive Vine.

and St. Johns places, (718) 422-2638.

If I'm going anywhere in the vicinity of that place, I'll go in and

get a falafel and baba ghanoush. It's insane. It's as good as it gets."

Park Slope Taqueria

74 Seventh Ave. between Lincoln and Berkeley places, (718) 398-4300

"I get the Berkeley vegetarian burrito, which has the roasted corn. It's great."

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315 Fifth Ave. at Third Street, (718) 788-2121

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Veggie sushi at Yamato.

all the food there is vegetarian."

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"We used to get sushi there. But now I eat mar [tofu skins with rice]; vegetable tempura; avocado-and-cucumber rolls; the Japanese pickle platter; which I love, and the excellent miso eggplant."

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NIGHTLIFE

Nerd night

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The Brooklyn Paper / Jason K. Lee

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Organizer Jin Moon (pictured) says that all are welcome, no pocket protector required. About 30-40 people have already signed up—though Moon says there's been more interest from the staff side of the nerd community. So geeky guys, here's your chance to find your perfect bespectacled babe—in time for a New Year's.

"The definition of a nerd is very broad these days, we're not talking your 'Revenge of the Nerds'-type pokedexer," she said.

"I Heart Nerds Speed Dating Night" at Union Hall (702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400), Dec. 29 at 7:30 pm. RSVP to heartspeeddating@gmail.com.

—Sabrina Jessi

DINING

Tiny bubbles

Counting down with a cheap bottle of champagne is a crummy way to start the new year. But face it, all too many of us are in a cold duck rut, leaving the decision about what beverage will ring in 2010 to someone merely regifting something from last year.

Luckily, The Greene Grape in Fort Greene offers a way out. On Dec. 29 and 30, the Fulton Street wine shop will offer a tasting of 11 bottles, showcasing a handful of offerings priced at under \$22, plus some high-end sparklers.

In a preview champagne tasting, manager Michael Robertson showed off a 2002 Henri Goutorbe that comes directly from the growers. It's a bit spendy at \$50, but it had a sweet fruity finish and was, as we found out, quite drinkable.

"With small vintners, it just tastes better," said Robertson (pictured).

The 11 bubbles will include genuine Champagne from France, plus sparkling wines from the United States and Spain.

After the tasting, at least you've solved the annual problem of how to bring some class to the least-classy night of the year.

Wine tasting at the Greene Grape (765 Fulton St. between Portland Avenue and Oxford Street, (718) 797-9463), Dec. 29 and 30, 5-7 pm. For info, visit brooklyn.greengrape.com.

—Andy Campbell

MUSIC

We did it!

Singer-songwriter Greta Gertler will finish her new album—and she has Brooklyn (and its Paper) to thank for it.

As we reported back in October, the indie songsmith was trying to raise \$15,000 to produce her upcoming record, "The Universal Thump." The Sunset Park resident invited people to donate money—with incentives ranging from an autographed copy of the new album to a concert performance at the donor's residence.

Our coverage ensured that Gertler raised the \$15,000 by the Dec. 9 deadline. If she didn't meet that fundraising total, she would have had to refund the money.

"Until about the last day, I was stressed out because I thought I set the goal too high for myself," she said. "But my backers spread the word."

The highest-level contribution was \$2,000—a donation so high that Gertler will compose a personal song for the donor.

Based on her experience, she said other artists should seek the public's support for making a record.

"I would do it again," she said, "but now I need a break to make music."

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—David Chiu

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Pastrami war!

Montrealer schools us on 'smoked meat'

By Andy Campbell
The Brooklyn Paper

Call it "pastrami" or call it "smoked meat," but we call it delicious.

Montreal native Noah Bernamoff is about to forever change Brooklyn deli habits when he opens Mile End, a north-of-the-border-style smokehouse on Hoyt Street in Boerum Hill.

And change them for the better. In Bernamoff's home town, the scrumptious cured meat known to generations of Jews (and their gustatory allies) as pastrami is known by the more generic-sounding name "smoked meat." The similarities are clear: both delicacies derive from highly-spiced, cured rounds of fatty brisket — a more evolved sibling of corned beef.

But Montreal's version also spends hours in a smoker, a lengthy spin that further breaks down the connective tissue and melts the fat into an ooze that keeps everything

DINING

Mile End (718) Hoyt St. between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street will open in January. For info, e-mail info@mileendbrooklyn.com or visit mileendbrooklyn.com.

juicy. Bernamoff hand-cuts the resulting mound of meat and serves it high (but not too high) on rye with his homemade stout mustard.

It's arguably the best take on Brooklyn's old standard since that Downtown stalwart Jack 'n' Cort Street closed decades ago.

"If you've cooked it and sliced it correctly, smoked meat is an art," Bernamoff said.

The 27-year-old amateur restaurateur was chided by friends into starting Mile End, whose name refers to a Montreal neighborhood.

He took a break from Brooklyn Law School to share his sandwich with the rest of the world.

Though he won't open for a few weeks, the interior of the 25-by-25-

foot deli is finished. Nice touches include tables made out of wood salvaged from bowling alleys, schoolhouse style lamps, and a deep counter so diners can eat their sandwich while watching Bernamoff slicing someone else's.

And no matter when you want your pastrami (er, smoked meat), Bernamoff's got you covered: he'll scramble it into eggs for early risers or serve it up with beer for night owls. And all meals come with Bernamoff's excellent homemade pickles and pickled tomatoes (which never had a name in a Brooklyn deli).

If you think it's brash to open a Jewish-style deli — serving a meat that could arguably be considered Brooklyn's national dish — it is. But Bernamoff knows that Brooklyn's smoked meat golden age has passed.

"Look, people don't do delis here like they used to," Bernamoff said. "And Montreal has an infectious vibe that I wanted to recreate here."

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Noah Bernamoff, a native Montrealer, is about to change pastrami forever, thanks to his soon-to-open "smoked meat" (that's Canadian for pastrami) shop on Hoyt Street.



Pudding on the ritz

You don't go to a British-style pub for the food — and you certainly don't go for the dessert.

But Gordon Bennett, the new public house on S. Sixth Street in the real hipster heart of Williamsburg, offers something for "alters" that is worth a trip: a chocolate croissant bread pudding.

It's like taking the greatest thing the French ever did (put chocolate in bread) and combine it with the greatest thing the English ever did (turn bread into pudding).

First of all, the croissant is all cut up into bite-sized pieces. Then, an egg creamy custard

is added (to make it suitably English). Then, the whole thing is singed under the broiler to give a bit of crunchiness on top while turning the chocolate and custard into a lava flow of gooey satisfaction.

And it's just \$5. If there's a better dessert value in this town, we'll eat our hat — after pouring custard and chocolate all over it and putting it in the salamander for a minute or two, of course.

Gordon Bennett Pub and Grub (109 S. Sixth St. between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street, (718) 599-9109)

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FOER...

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tall tell from my book," he said. "She said she was simply unaware of the effects of factory farming on the environment."

I choked on my chicken. How is it possible that this woman, whose name Foer shared with me, was not aware?

"How is it possible?" he asked. "How is it possible that Al Gore never talks about factory farming, when the United Nations says it is responsible for 51 percent of greenhouse gas emissions?"

How is it possible that you will never see the word "meat" and "Copenhagen" in the same sentence? It's crazy.

It produces more greenhouse gas emissions than everything put together."

In other words, people like Al Gore know, but they choose to forget to avoid alienating potential allies in their current battle — the fight against industrial and vehicular greenhouse emissions. And then the rest of us, I said as I downed the last bite of my sandwich, know and just don't care.

Foer disagreed: "It's not an intellectual issue. If you go to

a factory farm and you see a pregnant pig in a crate so small that it can't turn around, it's just wrong. It's fundamental. It's not a progressive, liberal, East Coast value. Ninety-six percent of Americans think animals deserve legal protection. So it does matter how we treat them."

Does it? It certainly doesn't matter to the factory farmer — one of whom speaks quite eloquently in the book about the small role he plays in feeding the world. To him, a pig in a crate is not a moral issue.

It's food.

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Foer, of course, has made the personal decision and he's sticking with it. "For me, it's about the kind of civilization we want to create," he said. "There are people who would be indifferent to cracking open a conscious monkey's skull and eating the brain. Is that person wrong? Maybe we can't say that, but I do know that it's wrong for me."

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Next up: fiction

Don't worry, fiction fans — Jonathan Safran Foer says his journey into journalism is over.

The author of the outstanding novels "Everything is Illuminated" and "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" said that he found the process of non-fiction writing and researching his new book so daunting that he doesn't want to do it again.

"I'm going back to novels," said the 32-year-old Park Slope resident.

Foer said he worked on his investigation of factory farming for about three years, visiting slaughterhouses, pastures, ranches and, in one harrowing scene, a chicken farm where the birds were literally packed in check by jaw.

That, it turned out, was the easy part.

"I found the process of writing ['Eating Animals'] so difficult," he said last week. "When I write novels, no matter how difficult they get, I feel like I'm in my element. In here, I did not feel that."

So what's next? He wouldn't say. Perhaps he can't. "I'm working on a few things right now," he said.

"I always want to see which dies. Sometimes they become one or one will become three. It's ugly, and very inefficient, but I feel like myself — with all that entails, which is not all good."

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DANCE, "THE NUT CRACKER" 2 pm. See Saturday, Dec. 19.
THEATER, "MRS. BOB CRATCH'S WILD CHRISTMAS BINGE" 3 pm. See Friday, Dec. 18.
THEATER, "A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE" 3 pm. See Friday, Dec. 18.
VIOLIN CONCERT Works by Brahms, Schubert, Beethoven. 3 pm. See Saturday, Dec. 19.
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MUSIC, MATSUYAMA Hardcore rapper's annual show. 8 pm. See Saturday, Dec. 19.

SALES AND MARKETS
"SUPER" FLEA MARKET 7 am-5 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church 545 60th St. at Fifth Avenue in Bay Ridge. (718) 312-9055. www.FaceBook.com/Supa-FleaMarket
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FARMERS MARKET Free. 11 am-5 pm. J.J. Byrne Park Fifth Avenue and Fourth Street in Park Slope.

MON, DEC. 21
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ART, "PAGES OF THE PAST" See Sunday, Dec. 20.
TOUR, HISTORIC TROLLEY TOURS \$20 (\$10 for Historic Fund members). 1 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery 25th St. at Fifth Avenue in Green-Wood Heights. (718) 768-7300. www.green-woodcemetery.org
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OSFO's big Facebook blunder

Smartmom had barely recovered from chaperoning the past weekend's slumber party at the Marriott with five 12-year-old girls. She couldn't sleep and she did what she often does when she can't sleep: she checked her e-mail and noticed an e-mail from another mom who lives in the neighborhood.

"I want you to know that there are a series of photos on Facebook of the girls at a party in their underwear. The photos are very suggestive. I'd never want to interfere but I thought I should know," she wrote.

Smartmom looked at the pictures that this mom had conveniently attached. They



By Louise Crawford

power. She took more than 300 pictures and then gave the camera back to the mom and her friend, who looked at all the pictures for intel about what was going on down the corridor in the hotel.

Of the 300 pictures, there were none of the girls in their underwear. Smartmom concluded that the pictures in question must have been taken with one of the other girls' cameras. Smartmom went on Facebook, but she couldn't get to OSFO's Facebook profile because OSFO unfriended her some time ago.

She figured out that one of the girls at the party had put up maybe 100 pictures and they were just part of that group. Since it was the middle of the night there was nothing she could do.

The next morning Smartmom woke OSFO up. "You have to get your friend to take those pictures down," she told her. "I know, I'm texting her now," OSFO said.

Clearly, OSFO was aware of the pictures and not happy about the situation either. Smartmom was amazed that she and OSFO were on the exact same page. But when OSFO left for school, her friend had still not returned her text. That meant that the pictures would still be up after school.

Smartmom was stressing. At 3 p.m., she e-mailed OSFO's friend and left a gentle note not wanting to demonize her or point fingers.

"Please take down those pictures of OSFO," Smartmom wrote. "Facebook is very public and I think OSFO would prefer that they not be up there for all to see. They're so much for taking care of this!"

OSFO's friend, who is a bright young girl wrote back soon after. "OSFO told me today during school, and told her that I would take them down. We took them as a joke in the hotel and when I was uploading my pictures I completely forgot about them. Really sorry," the girl wrote.

Smartmom called OSFO on her cellphone and told her that she'd e-mailed her friend.

"Why did you e-mail my friend?" OSFO asked. Smartmom kept a deep breath. "It was important that she take those pictures down," Smartmom said.

"Why is this so important to you?" OSFO asked. Smartmom kept it short, but here is a combination of what Smartmom did and didn't say.

Smartmom, like Cyndi Lauper, knows that "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun." Smartmom kept it short, but here is a combination of what Smartmom did and didn't say.

Smartmom told OSFO that while the pictures were beautiful, there had been people out there who had stolen the pictures and put them on child pornography sites.

OSFO listened and seemed to understand. Mostly she seemed miffed that Smartmom had e-mailed her friend.

"I told you I was taking care of it," she said.

And she was right. She had told her friend, and Smartmom didn't need to meddle in that way.

But some meddling is good. The parent who called Smartmom in the first place did the right thing. There's nothing wrong with reporting back to a parent if you observe any kind of inappropriate behavior at your house, on the streets, at school. Anywhere. In most cases, parents will want to know because they need all the help they can get.

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of life," Harding said. "It's getting a lot harder to make a buck in Brooklyn. Rents (on Smith Street) are predatory. I'm right behind him."

The closing of Mamary's eateries are following in the footsteps of Patois, Mamary and Harding's pioneering French restaurant, whose garlic snails changed the street's unsatisfied fate forever.

It's unclear exactly what Mamary

plans to do with the five remaining restaurants in which he still holds stakes: Pomme de Terre, Gowanus Yacht Club, Black Mountain Wine House, Café Enduro and Zombie Hut.

And Harding still has a piece of the Gowanus Yacht Club in Carroll Gardens, Pacifico in Boerum Hill and Sweetwater in Williamsburg.

And even today, there are plenty of restaurant owners on Smith Street who still hold Mamary in the highest regard, even though Bueno et al just weren't making the cut.

Worse, Bueno broke the first commandment: Thou shalt not change thy name every two weeks.

"Bueno had great food," said Maio Martinez, owner of Samplur between Bergen and Wyckoff streets. "But it closed and opened a lot, [changing names from] Gravy to the Fish Shack to this."

Martinez added that Mamary's influence on the dining scene may have actually been his own downfall — restaurants springing up over the past five years on the strip have overestimated the area with competition.

Her advice for would-be restaurateurs considering Smith Street? "Go somewhere else," she said.

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a kid."

As for any solution to the problem with stray monofilament, Auscon noted that a fishing line recycling program at Harlem Meer in Central Park had been very successful.

Others were also reluctant to criticize fishermen, who have a vested interest in conserving the fragile urban ecology.

"Most fishermen don't leave stray monofilament behind," said Glenn Phillips, director of the New York Audubon Society. "But all it takes is an irresponsible minority to make a big difference."

Bahlman and Tize are hoping that officials will ramp up enforcement and education regarding proper fishing procedures, but a spokesman for the park added a dose of reality.

"The lake has more garbage than we like," said Eugene Patron, the spokesman for the Prospect Park Alliance. "There just aren't enough [enforcement officers] on the entire 60-acre watercourse to make sure people are doing what they should."

So far now, if you see something, squawk something.

BONDS...

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officials," said Daniel Goldstein, spokesman for Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn, the main Atlantic Yards opposition group. "The state will be on the hook if the project defaults."

The bond sale is only the latest blow to those opposed to the project that would completely change the face of Prospect Heights. Most important, New York's highest court ruled that the state was justified in its use of eminent domain to seize property in the project's footprint.

With the sale of the bonds completed, the next step is a "master closing," in which contracts are finalized and eminent domain-empowered seizures of privately owned land actually begin.

Ratner's eye pleasure dome will be built from funds from a curious mix of agencies, investors and Russian billionaires. Here's how he'll put together the final deal:

- Tuesday's bond sale netted \$511 million.
- Ratner will shortly sell \$100 million in taxable bonds. They're similar to the tax-exempt ones — except that investors pay taxes on them.
- Ratner and his new power forward, Russian oligarch Mikhail Prokhorov, who has agreed to buy 80 percent of the New Jersey Nets and 45 percent of the arena from Ratner, will put \$293.4 million into the arena.
- Another \$156.4 million will come from the city and \$104.3 million from the state in the form of infrastructure improvements, according to an Independent Budget Office report.
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11:30 am: Storytime with Emily. Weekly event. Mouse Spots! (21 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710, themousespots.com.

7 pm: "A Charlie Brown Christmas," Classic show for kids. 3:30, Brooklyn Lyeum (227 Fourth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816, www.brooklynlyeum.com.

8 pm: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 520, Heights Players (26 W. 11th St. between Joralemon and State streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 237-2751, www.heightsplayers.org.

SAT, DEC. 19

Noon: "Twas The Night Before... MONSTERS!" Holiday show for kids. 55, Brooklyn Lyeum (227 Fourth Ave. at President Street in Park Slope, (718) 857-4816, www.brooklynlyeum.com.

12:30 and 2:30 pm: Puppet show, "Peter and the Wolf" and "The Frog Prince." See Saturday, Dec. 19.

1:30 pm: Science power hour. See Saturday, Dec. 19.

2 pm: "A Charlie Brown Christmas." See Friday, Dec. 18.

2 pm: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." See Friday, Dec. 18.

MON, DEC. 21

10:15 am and 12:15 pm: Kwanzaa celebration. James Stovall and Laetia Noble explore the seven principles through music, dance, and spoken word. 57, Kumble Theater, Long Island University (11 University Plaza at W. 11th St. in Downtown Brooklyn, (718) 488-1424).

11:30 am: Storytime with Emily. Mouse Spots! (21 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710, themousespots.com).

4 pm: "The Hard Nut." Mark Morris Dance Group's clever take on "The Nutcracker." Cobble Hill Cinemas (265 Court St. at Butler Street in Cobble Hill, (718) 590-9113, www.bignowhere/filmsitekids.blogspot.com).

TUES, DEC. 22

11 am: Storytime for kids. Free. Barnes & Noble Court Street (104 Court St. between Livingston and State streets in Downtown Brooklyn, (718) 246-4996).

11 am: Singalong with Lloyd. Mouse Spots! (21 Atlantic Ave. between Hicks and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710, themousespots.com).

11 am: Music Classes and Storytime with Evelyn and Jon. BookCourt (163 Court St. between Pacific and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 875-3677, www.bookcourt.org).

WED, DEC. 23

1 pm: Storytime with Emily. See Monday, Dec. 21.

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OUR OPINION

Big bike blunder

The city's much-hyped "bikes-in-buildings" law went into effect last Friday. Forgive us if we don't get too excited.

Make no mistake — as cyclists, we support efforts to improve bike commuting by requiring commercial building owners to allow their tenants to bring their bicycles up to their offices.

But this law, championed by outgoing Councilman David Yassky (D-Brooklyn Heights), is so rife with exemptions that it will be about as useful as a flat tire. As a law professor and council veteran himself, Yassky should be ashamed for grinding this particular piece of bureaucratic sausage.

Like so many times in the past, he and his colleagues failed to consider how a law would play out where the rubber actually hits the road.

In this case, the process is just too onerous. Indeed, before any bike gets to come in from the cold (or rain, or thieves), the

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cyclist must first write a letter to his boss asking the boss to send his own letter — by certified mail, no less — to the building owner seeking such access.

Why should employees be put in the position of asking their boss to wade into the bubbling cauldron of this city's bicycle politics? Because it's the law: "Convincing your employer of the benefits of having employees bike to work is up to you and your fellow cyclist co-clients," the Department of Transportation fact sheet said.

The next roadblock: Bosses who want to get access for their bike-commuting employees must then initiate the formal request from the owner of their building. It's absurd to make the law's pur-

ported beneficiaries — health-conscious employees and the bosses who want to keep them happy — be the instrument of its actual initiation.

And of course, the building owner has plenty of exemptions.

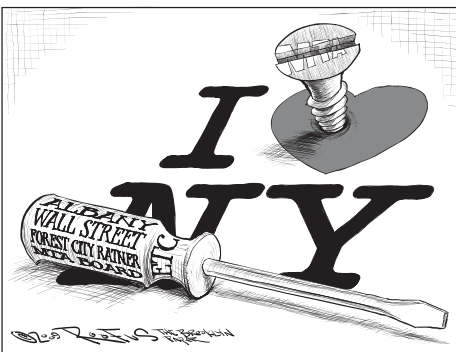
First of all, only buildings with freight elevators are covered — so if yours doesn't have a heavy-duty Otis, don't bring your bike.

Next, the elevator must be inspected by the city — another hurdle — and declared "safe" (whatever that is).

And after all that, the building owner is not obligated to make it available beyond business hours anyway. So tough luck, all you midnight-oil-burning cyclists.

Bike advocates say that they got as much as they could from the Council, but if anyone had shown even a modicum of common sense, this flawed law would have never gotten out of committee.

ALL DRAWN OUT



LETTERS

Cat Man don't! I'm not only suing for the money

To the editor,

I liked your telling of my story ("Cat man's crazy case," Dec. 4) except for that quote that suggested I am suing Long Island College Hospital because I need the money. I did say that, but this is not about money. It is about justice and about changing medical procedures forever.

Doctors should be more than drug pushers for the pharmaceutical industry, and they should listen and confirm a story before diagnosing someone — in this case, me — with a mental illness that will become a lifelong tag and a pre-existing condition that will jack up my health insurance rates.

I now have the burden of proving

that I am not "bipolar with psychosis in partial remission," which was the prognosis of a doctor who told me, "You will never get better without the meds."

An impartial and more scientific observer might have concluded that I had never been sick to begin with.

Three does and the head of the department refused to admit any error or offer any apology. Instead, they sent me a handwritten certified letter stating that they would always be there for me, and would refill my prescriptions as needed.

It is that thoughtful and kind — or is it ironic and thoughtless?

Chris Muth, neighborhood withheld
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To the editor,

I saw last week's article about the return of Santos Caraballo, the beloved animal of Cadman Towers ("Returned to sender," Dec. 11) and felt happy for those customers.

But Santos was also our mailman at Concord Village for about



Chris Muth, aka, the Cat Man, who's suing Long Island College Hospital.

20 years until our building was taken out of his route. We felt he was one of us, pleasant, devoted.

Some residents have their mail forwarded to their vacation addresses and there never was a hitch when Santos was our mailman — except when he was on vacation himself; the replacement always got it wrong.

Perhaps this letter will play a small role in getting postal officials to give us back Santos? We, too, want him back so much.

Blanche Krakowski, Concord Village

Green team

To the editor,

Despite the removal of the Bedford Avenue bike lane ("City craves Bedford Avenue bike lane," Dec. 4), the city has done a great job of making bike use easy, with the installation of many other lanes, bike racks, and bike awareness signs.

In order to make the efforts by the city useful and to benefit the environment, we need to take advantage of them. If we all contribute even a small amount, to helping our environment, we will make a difference and could possibly begin to reverse the negative effects that we are currently experiencing.

Play your part: Go green, ride a bike!

Jenna Grandner, Williamsburg

Dollar Bill?

To the editor,

I find it despicable that Councilman Bill DeBlasio would curry favor with the monied and "powerful" in Carroll Gardens by considering inserting language into the city code that would have opened the door to the eventual destruction of the neighborhood as we know it ("DeBlasio bails on se-

cret favor for school," Dec. 11).

But what is more puzzling is why anyone would be surprised that a politician would do what he does best — side with the money. DeBlasio is not the only one guilty of this, of course, but he should have remembered that the Hannah Senesh School — and all other entities for that matter — must live within the parameters of the spaces it inhabits. Carroll Gardens is an existing neighborhood, not a wide open prairie frontier.

City living is sometimes difficult with space at such a premium. Despite that, those who live in the surrounding brownstones have been able to abide by this fact for the most part. That said, the parking area of the school has been so since the building was inhabited by Board of Education's District 15 offices.

Also, development is not the enemy in and of itself, but it becomes so when it is done without regard for the impact it has on the surrounding area. Carroll Gardens is a neighborhood with narrow streets and very limited parking. This is an unchangeable fact — unless, of course, someone wants to dismantle the area.

But by then, it'll cease to be a community.

Edward Green, Carroll Gardens

To the editor,

Unlike the state legislature, the Council never passes a local law without a public hearing. Also, the sequence described in your article — that the local law would be amended before the Hannah Senesh plan went through the city's land-use review procedure — was proposed by the Department of Transportation initially, not by Councilman DeBlasio.

Tom Grey in DeBlasio's office can confirm that — it was stated at the public meeting. Incoming Councilman Brad Lander asked the department to reconsider and they agreed, which is why the two pieces will be considered together next year.

Ken Fisher, Brooklyn Heights

The writer is a former city councilman who is representing the Hannah Senesh school in its efforts to expand.

Parking mad

To the editor,

After reading your recent coverage of the mayor's hope to take over Brooklyn Bridge Park ("Blossom: City 5 for more park," Dec. 11), I wrote this letter to the mayor.

Dear Mayor Bloomberg,

The statement that New York City would take a determining hand in this heretofore failed project was heartening news. But we have damned good reason to be disheartened: we keep getting lied to.

At state Sen. Daniel Squadron's town hall meeting last week, Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe read the prepared script. Unfortunately, it was the script prepared by the ESDC in December of 2004. Nothing has changed.

I have maintained — for years — that the design is the problem. This design is for a fancy housing project with some shrubbery and a discrete playground for the very few children that might live in the proposed deluxe buildings. Until and unless this design is changed, that is what it remains.

Then again, until housing might once again become the powerhouse — was, this site will be a bedraggled, costly-to-maintain eyesore. But the bottom line is that this housing project design is not a park. Continuing to build this place-holder housing that may never happen is both expensive and counterproductive.

Stop it and build a real park.

Barbara Charton, Brooklyn Heights

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Bikes in buildings? Be sure to read the fine print

Many steps must be taken before you can freely store your two-wheeler at work

By Stephen Brown

The bike-in-building law went into effect last Friday — and now starts the hard part for Brooklyn cyclists.

Just because Local Law 52 — officially the "Bicycle Access to Office Buildings Law" — is now actually here doesn't mean you can haul your Huff up to your cubicle.

Indeed, you have to make the first move.

In all, there are many steps that need to be undertaken — all involving significant hurdles — before your office can become your bike lot (Transportation Alternatives has posted a handy guide on its Web site). Here's a summary:

1. You or one of your co-workers needs to formally ask your employer if you can bring your bicycle into your workplace (to some bikers, this is the equivalent of having to ask your manager if you can go to the bathroom).

2. Your employer must agree. If your employer chooses not to accede to your wishes, the process ends there, leaving your bike out in the cold where birds and

thieves can prey on it. There's nothing in the law that requires your employer to comply.

"Convincing your employer of the benefits of having employees bike to work is up to you and your fellow cyclist co-workers," said a Department of Transportation fact sheet on the matter.

That said, you may have a great relationship with your boss, but what ultimately matters more is your boss's relationship with the building owner — and your boss may simply not want to aggravate the very person who sets the rent.

3. But if your employer actually wants to be bike-friendly, he or she must download a form on the Department of Transportation's Web site to request that the building owner complete a "Bicycle Access Plan." This request must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the way.

4. Within 30 days, the building management must implement that "Bicycle Access Plan." There's a city form for that, too, that lays out a defined route to the freight elevator.

5. But that freight elevator need only be operating during regular business hours.

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Of course, there are exceptions. The main one is that buildings without freight elevators are automatically out.

Additionally, your building owner doesn't need to let you haul your bike upstairs if he or she proves "covered, sufficient, secure, off-street no-cost... bicycle parking on the premises or within three blocks or 750 feet, whichever is less."

What does "secure" mean? Entry and exit to the parking must be either locked, monitored or restricted from the general public and there must be structures to which cyclists can lock their bikes.

Another exemption is allowed if the freight elevator itself has some "substantial safety risks directly related to its use for bicycle access."

The good news? In both cases, the Department of Transportation will inspect the building to verify that the owner really is providing this parking and not just getting around the law.

The department will explain its ruling by certified mail, by the way.

All of this may sound onerous, but the city's main bike advocacy groups were stoked that riders may soon be able to store their spokes.

"This law is a foot in the door — a door that has been closed for generations," said Wiley Novell of Transportation Alternatives, which worked with Councilman David Yansky (D-Brooklyn Heights) and the Bloomberg administration to get the bill done.

"Each bike rider is a squeaky wheel on this issue. We have faith in them. They will put in the paperwork and do the work." Fellow bike advocate Benjamin Shepard of Time's Up! agreed. "There will be some initial problems. But let's hammer out the kinks and make this a feasible option."

Kinks? There are more kinks here than

at a "British Invasion" radio marathon. First off, where will the bikes go?

"They can't be stored in any corridor, that's illegal," said Marilyn Davenport of the Real Estate Board of New York, which opposed the bill. "And they can't block any exits."

And the building owners don't need to go the extra mile with the freight elevator, either.

"No employer will pay for overtime freight elevator use," said Davenport.

Davenport added that the Real Estate Board's internal surveys found little demand for bike-friendly buildings any way.

"It's just too difficult to bike to work," she said. So far, no major Brooklyn building owner has come forward with a pre-emptive "bike access plan," though DUMBO titan David Walentas already provides secure, off-road bicycle storage areas in the ground floor of many of his buildings.

Such storage rooms are not fool-proof, some bikers said, as thieves can sneak in after hours and gash workers' wheels.



A downtown office worker secures his wheels on an outdoor bike rack. Someday, he might be able to bring his ride inside.

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